

economically disadvantaged, as it has done throughout its history. DePaul University provides high-quality education for students from the entire metropolitan area through its Chicago and suburban campuses.

In 2010, DePaul University celebrates the work and accomplishments of its namesake, St. Vincent DePaul, and St. Louise de Marillac, founder of the Daughters of Charity, on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of their deaths. To honor the examples of St. Vincent and St. Louise through its mission of education and service, DePaul University is embarking on a capital campaign entitled, "Many Dreams. One Mission." This capital campaign will help guarantee the accessibility and affordability of the University's 260 graduate and undergraduate programs. This campaign will raise funds to build campus facilities that will enhance the University's academically-rigorous and nationally-acclaimed programs of study.

As a proud Chicagoan and former educator, I congratulate DePaul University for its many contributions to higher education and community service, and I join with DePaul University in celebrating St. Vincent DePaul and St. Louise DeMarillac on the occasion the 350th anniversary of their deaths.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H. Res. 1294, honoring those who are serving and have served courageously as Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel, as contractors or members of the United States Armed Forces.

At home and abroad, unexploded ordnance (UXO)—bombs and shells that failed to explode during military training, testing, or operations—pose a health and safety risk to communities and restrict opportunities for economic development. These still-dangerous explosives and harmful contaminants are located on or buried in millions of acres of former military lands in every state and Congressional district. Alarming, much of this land now serves as housing, schools, businesses, parks, and playgrounds.

For the past ten years I have worked closely with my colleagues to direct Congressional funding and legislative action on UXO cleanup and increase investment in technology. In 2005, I formed the bipartisan UXO Caucus as part of an ongoing effort to increase Congressional awareness. The purpose of the UXO Caucus is to inform Members of the health, safety, and environmental risks of UXO and to highlight the challenges faced by communities and the federal government to clean up UXO and redevelop former military properties. Due to these bipartisan efforts, the Department of Defense has now named a program manager in charge of remediation, and additional funding has gone to technology that will better determine the location and density of munitions contamination.

UXO technicians and units at home and abroad perform a selfless and dangerous task

on behalf of the United States and we will forever be in their debt. Despite risking their lives for the health and safety of our families and communities, these heroes have largely gone unrecognized. I am extremely grateful for their sacrifices and I am pleased that we can honor them with this resolution highlighting National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day.

43RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE REUNIFICATION OF JERUSALEM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise now to commemorate a significant event: the 43rd anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, which is being celebrated today. I am proud to be a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 271, which recognizes this important day.

Jerusalem is one of the most historic cities in the world; it has been destroyed, besieged, attacked, captured, and recaptured multiple times. Yet in 1948, for the first time, the city was divided into two parts. For the following 19 years, access to holy sites was denied by Jordan. Even worse, synagogues were destroyed and ancient tombstones desecrated. Residents of Jerusalem could not even see the Western Wall, let alone pray there.

At last, in 1967, Jerusalem was reunited during the Six Day War. In celebration, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan gave this oft-repeated statement:

"This morning, the Israel Defense Forces . . . have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again. To our Arab neighbors we extend, also at this hour—and with added emphasis at this hour—our hand in peace. And to our Christian and Muslim fellow citizens, we solemnly promise full religious freedom and rights. We did not come to Jerusalem for the sake of other peoples' holy places, and not to interfere with the adherents of other faiths, but in order to safeguard its entirety, and to live there together with others, in unity."

Truly, today is not cause for celebration by Jews only. Christians and Muslims also consider Jerusalem a holy city. Furthermore, visitors of many other faiths travel to the Old City to pray or simply appreciate the historic sites, which are not only accessible today, but also properly maintained.

Sadly, some people still do not consider Jerusalem to be Israel's capital. And despite the passage of the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1995, we have not yet moved the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It is preposterous that Israel, our democratic friend and strategic ally, is the only country in which the U.S. embassy is not located in the functioning capital. I strongly encourage President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton to begin the process of relocating the U.S. Embassy in Israel.

As Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, recently stated: "The connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel cannot be denied. The connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem cannot be denied . . . Jerusalem is not a settlement. It is our capital."

In closing, I want to reflect on the name, "Jerusalem." It is my understanding that the name of this city is built from a Hebrew root word meaning "completeness" or "wholeness." How appropriate that for the past 43 years Jerusalem has been able to live up to its name. As Psalm 122:3 states: "Jerusalem is built as a city that is united together."

HONORING MICHAEL SPAK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I call to the attention of the House the passing on January 25 of Michael Robert Spak, 62, a resident of Leesburg, Virginia, who was the founder and chairman of the nonprofit Loudoun Crime Commission.

Mr. Spak enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 18 and completed two tours of combat duty in Vietnam from 1966–1969. Following his honorable discharge in 1969, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department, where he served on the Bomb Squad/Criminal Conspiracy Section for several years, becoming an expert on bomb detection, disposal and investigation. In 1974, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency, where he served for 23 years, first as an officer in the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology and then in the Directorate of Operations. In the context of his work, he traveled the world from the Middle East to Africa and Asia. He also served in multiple long-term overseas assignments in Europe and Latin America. After retiring from government service in 1996, he started his own company, Virtual Defense & Development International, Inc. (VDI), an international consulting and professional services company specializing in matters of defense, law enforcement, security and intelligence, and post-conflict economic development. He served as president and chairman of VDI until the time of his death.

He was the founder and chairman of the non-profit Loudoun Crime Commission; he was a founder of the newly-constructed National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, and was active in the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation; and he served in the Loudoun County Marine Corps League Detachment, where he most recently held the position of judge advocate and was involved in its annual Toys for Tots campaign. In addition, he owned and operated Amber Creek Vineyard in Leesburg and was a member of the Loudoun Winegrowers Association. He was a lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge. He held two bachelor's degrees from George Mason University and American University, respectively, and at the time of his death was working towards his master's degree at American University. Mr. Spak was vigilant in his efforts to fight crime and support law enforcement agencies. He is commended for his life of service to his country and his community. Mr. Spak was willing to put his own life at risk for the protection of our country and our communities. Michael Robert Spak was very much appreciated throughout the Marine, Intelligence and law enforcement communities and his energy, ideas and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.